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To: Acute Psychiatric Hospitals (MIRCal Primary Contacts and Administrators),

Re: Senate Bill 1850 (Health care: training: reporting)

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) began collecting Ambulatory Surgery data reports from all facilities licensed as freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Clinics and Hospitals providing Outpatient Services in 2004.

The requirement that hospitals report ambulatory surgery data implied that hospitals without surgical capacity, such as acute psychiatric hospitals, were required to report such data. Senate Bill (SB) 1850 (Health care: training: reporting) was sponsored by OSHPD, approved by the legislature then signed by the Governor September 14, 2006. This bill made numerous technical and clarifying changes to health facility data reporting laws administered by OSHPD. Among the changes, SB 1850 expressly provides that effective January 1, 2007, general acute care hospitals (not other hospital types) and freestanding ambulatory surgery clinics are subject to the requirement to report ambulatory surgery data records.

An excerpt of the text from Section 128737 of the Health and Safety Code follows:
> 128737. (a) Each general acute care hospital and freestanding ambulatory surgery clinic shall file an Ambulatory Surgery Data Record for each patient encounter during which at least one ambulatory surgery procedure is performed. The Ambulatory Surgery Data Record shall include all of the following: …

The full text of the chaptered bill can be found at: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/05-06/bill/sen/sb_1801-1850/sb_1850_bill_20060914_chaptered.pdf

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